

Chimes

Prelude      “When Morning Gilds the Skies/We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”  
Arr. Carol Tornquist

Choral Introit (11:00)      “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”      390  
words: Rosamond E. Herklots; music: Trad. American tune

Welcome      Pastor Monica

Announcements      Roz Evans and Pastor Margie Good

\*Call to Worship      Roz Evans and Pastor Margie Good

One:    Welcome to God’s upside-down kin(g)dom!

**Many: A realm in which the last are first,**

One:    the latecomers are fully compensated,

**Many: and fairness takes a sideways turn.**

One:    We worship a complicated God -

**Many: or is God’s way actually quite simple?**

One:    We bring our questions - and our discomfort - with us this morning,

**Many: trusting that God will show us the way.**

\*Hymn      “Help Us Accept Each Other”      560

**\*Unison Prayer**      Roz Evans and Pastor Margie Good

**Almighty God, as we gather in your presence, we open our hearts to your loving embrace. In your grace, grant us the strength to release all burdens of resentment and judgment. We thank you for this sacred moment and surrender our hearts to be transformed by your spirit. Guide us on the path of compassion and unity so that we may leave behind all bitterness and walk in your light. With gratitude in our hearts, we pray. Amen.**

Blessing of Stitch & Pray Items      Pastor Monica

Special Music (8:30)      “Yet Still I Sing”  
Words: John Rommel and Herb Frombach/Music: David Lantz III

Sharing Joys and Concerns      Pastor Monica

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer      Pastor Monica

Choral Anthem (11:00)      “A Heartsong Blessing”  
Words: Mattie J.T. Stepanek; Music: Joseph Martin

Moment of Impact    Community Resource Center Revitalization (CRCR)  
Kay Bucci

Call to Offering      Pastor Monica

Offertory      “Simple Gifts” Shaker Melody/Arr. Mark Hayes

\*Presentation of Gifts      “Doxology”      95

**\*Prayer of Dedication**      Roz Evans and Pastor Margie Good

**Gracious God, your kin(g)dom is not like the world. Jesus reminds us that the last will be first, and the first will be last. As coworkers in the kin(g)dom of God, let our gifts magnify your ways and lift up those whom the world leaves out. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson    Micah 4:1-5      Roz Evans and Pastor Margie Good

\*Gospel Lesson      Matthew 20:1-16    Roz Evans and Pastor Margie Good

Children’s Message      “It’s Not a Game”      Pastor Monica

Praise Song      “For One Great Peace”  
Words: Shirlee Arena Murray/Music: Jim Strathdee

Sermon      “When Resenting is Preventing”      Pastor Monica  
(I want my listeners to identify when you hold resentment and what to do with it.)

This Week's Schedule

Today

8:30 & 11:00am

Worship

9:45am

Choir Rehearsal

9:45am

Sunday School - Children through Adults

1:30pm

SUMC Charge Conference

2:00pm

Soup Kitchen

Monday

9:00am

Counters-Lounge

10:00am

Pastors Meeting

3:00pm

NJHS Food Drop Off

6:00pm

Handbell Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm

Daniel's Dream Team Meeting

Tuesday

12:00pm

Pocono United Methodist Cluster

Wednesday

11:15am

Worship Planning

12:00pm

Open Sanctuary

12:15pm

Prayer on Wednesdays - Live on Facebook and in the Sanctuary

1:00pm

Choir Rehearsal

6:00pm

Cub Scouts

6:30pm

White Fragility Small Group

Thursday

10:00am

History Committee

1:30pm

Stitch & Pray

3:00pm

Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm

Scouts

Friday

7:30pm

N.A.

Saturday

8:00am

Heather Fritz Photography Set Up

9:00am

Heather Fritz Photography in Fellowship Room

10:00am

Coffee with the Pastor - Lounge

3:00pm

Community Church - Kitchen Downstairs

Next Sunday

Ingathering

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7:00pm

Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering - East Stroudsburg Presbyterian

Prayer List - Joys and Concerns

Our Troops      Todd Martin

First Responders, EMT’s, Police Officers, Firefighters      Prayer Mailboxes

**Special Person of the Week:** Jeanne Principe, c/o Spring Village at the Poconos, Room 313B, 329 East Brown Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301. Please remember her in prayer and if possible, please send a card.

\*Hymn      “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”      569

\*Benediction and Sending      Pastor Monica

\*Benediction Response (11:00)      “In Blazing Light”      UMH 390  
words: Rosamond E. Herklots; Music: Trad. American tune

\*Postlude      “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” Arr. Franklin Ritter

\*Rise in body or in spirit.

**Bold Print = Say in unison.**

**SOUP KITCHEN 2026** We have started filling in the Soup Kitchen 2026 calendar. Please let the office know of your interest to help feed our neighbors. To date we have served over 3,700 meals.

**INGATHERING** During November, we stock our soup kitchen pantry with the Ingathering of supplies we use throughout the year. Help us by bringing in items like Styrofoam containers, plastic silverware, dish soap, napkins and cases of water. A full list is available in the Fellowship Room and at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for caring for our neighbors.

**ANNUAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING GATHERING** Thanksgiving: Our Interfaith service is coming on Sunday. November 23rd! It will be held at 7 pm at East Stroudsburg Presbyterian Church, 55 Smith Street, East Stroudsburg. Don't miss our choir singing, our choir director, Aram, conducting, and our pastors participating. Let us gather with our neighbors to give thanks to God.

**MEALS ON WHEELS CHRISTMAS TREE** Our Christmas Tree is up, and the countdown is on for Christmas. This Sunday will be 46 days! On the Christmas tree are tags for Christmas gifts. This year, we are supporting Meals on Wheels, which serves our neighbors in need of meals, companionship, and support. Please pick a tag off the tree and bring it back unwrapped by November 30th. Thank you for caring for our neighbors.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH?** Have you been attending the church and thinking about joining? Are you interested in United Methodism? Join us on Saturday, November 22nd at 10:00 am in the lounge. Attending does not signal joining, but it does allow you to get more information. We will take in members in December.

**POINSETTIAS** Order forms for poinsettias are in the back of the sanctuary as well as in the Fellowship Room. Poinsettias are \$13.50. Please make checks payable to SUMC and note for poinsettia in the memo portion of your check. Thank you!

**CONSECRATION OF COMMITMENTS** We will be consecrating our commitments and estimates of giving on November 23rd in worship. If you have not received a letter, estimate of giving card, and commitment sheet, please email the office: sumc@stroudsburgumc.com or call 570-421-6020. Please continue to pray about how you can step up and step out in faith.

Connection Card

Welcome Members & Visitors!

Please let us know how we can help each other this week:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer requests, needs, comments:

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Good morning! Check in on Facebook! Facebook.com/StroudsburgUMC**  
**Whether you are visiting with us or you are a member, WELCOME!** Please fill out the “Connection Card” in your bulletin today and place it in the offering plate. Help yourself to a copy of our weekly eNews in the back of the sanctuary. We are glad that you are here today!

**SERVING YOU TODAY:**  
Head Ushers: DeAnn Harris, CJ Penwell, Soundboard: Jackie Herrero, Felicity Guepet and Peter Guepet; Camera: Alex Herrero, Sophia Mylan; Streaming: Alex Herrero, Kevin Kopec

**TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE** 8:30 Roz Evans and 11:00 Pastor Margie Good

**THE GREEN BANNER** hangs in memory of Hazel Edinger, given by Charlotte Driebe.

**PAINT THE TOWN RED** Purchase a bow and beautify our town for Christmas as you remember a loved one. Proceeds benefit our local food pantries, including our Soup Kitchen. Order here: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZN7G/campaign/C-162D5> or call the office. We are also in need of people to help us put up ribbons before Thanksgiving; please let the office know if you can assist.

**CALENDAR FUNDRAISER** Looking for a thoughtful and original gift for Christmas or a loved one? Check out our SUMC 2026 calendar! The cost is \$35.95 each with all proceeds going toward our Community Resource Center Revitalization. A sample of the calendar is in the Fellowship Room and order forms are available in the back of the sanctuary and in the Fellowship Room. If you have already paid for your calendar, please pick it up from the church office during the week. Please contact the office with any questions. Thank you!

**ADVENT IS COMING!** One of our traditions is the lighting of the Advent Wreath for the four weeks before Christmas and Christmas Eve. We have families, friends, and church family groups light the candles and lead the liturgy. Consider signing up in the Fellowship Room.

**ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE** is today at 1:30pm. We invite you to bring your lunch and stay after church if you attend at 11:00 or come back for lunch and fellowship if you attend at 8:30 am.

***We cordially welcome each visitor, member and friend to our Stroudsburg United Methodist Church. We pray that God will touch your life through the worship and fellowship we share. If you would like to make Stroudsburg United Methodist YOUR church, please mention your interest to the Pastor at the end of the service.***

**Stroudsburg United Methodist Church**  
**547 Main Street**  
**Stroudsburg, PA 18360**  
**570-421-6020**

<b>CHURCH STAFF:</b>	
<b>Lead Pastor</b>	The Rev. Monica B. Guepet, M. Div.
<b>Pastor of Visitation</b>	Pastor Margie Good, M. Ed.
<b>Retiring Church Secretary</b>	Jackie Herrero
<b>Incoming Church Secretary</b>	Ashley Emerson
<b>Choir Director</b>	Aram Tchobanian
<b>Organist</b>	Marti Lantz
<b>Custodian</b>	Robert Medina

<b>CHURCH LEADERS:</b>	
<b>Daniel’s Dream Team</b>	Chairperson, Jenny Bogart
<b>Worship</b>	Chairperson, Rev. Monica B. Guepet
<b>Giving and Funding Committee</b>	Chairperson, C. J. Penwell
<b>Property &amp; Building</b>	Chairperson, Kay Bucci
<b>Staff Parish Relations Committee</b>	Interim Chairperson, Vin Zelizo
<b>Missions</b>	Chairperson, Amanda Miller
<b>Membership &amp; Evangelism</b>	Chairperson, Peggy Stewart
<b>Co-Lay Leaders</b>	Jeanette Kuhns, Jeremy Miller

***Church Office Hours - Monday - Thursday, 9am-4:30pm; Friday 9am-3pm***

**Facebook.com/Stroudsburg UMC**

**Instagram: stroudsburgumc**

Giving is easier than ever. Use this QR code to give to the general fund or special ministry. Contact the office for more information.



***Stroudsburg United Methodist Church***  
***Stroudsburg, PA***  
***The Worship of God***  
***November 16, 2025***



***Gather! Grow! Make a Difference - Together!***  
**www.stroudsburgumc.com**  
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**Our Mission**  
Share the love of Jesus in  
welcoming & compassionate ways.

Would you like to receive our weekly eNews?

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about our church?

Friend/Family	Internet/Website
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Other \_\_\_\_\_

What I/we look for in a church \_\_\_\_\_

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Please circle your age group: 18-23   24-35   36-49   50-64   65+